TOWN OF HARTLAND

SMOKE FREE RECREATION AREAS POLICY

Section 1: Findings and Purpose

The Town of Hartland, Vermont finds that, based on determinations and studies by various government agencies the use of tobacco products is a significant public health hazard. The use of tobacco, marijuana and nicotine delivery systems in a public place poses potential health risks to all members of the public. The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and well-being of all members of the public who have occasion to attend activities at Town recreational parks and facilities, by restricting the use and disposal of tobacco and marijuana products as outlined herein. Although this policy covers all Town-owned property, State law specifically prohibits tobacco use on school grounds.

Section 2: Use of Tobacco and Marijuana Products and Equipment Prohibited

The use and disposal of all tobacco and marijuana products and equipment is prohibited on all town owned land including, but not limited to, Foster Meadows. This policy excludes Sumners Falls and the designated smoking area at Damon Hall

Section 3: Definitions

<u>Smoking or use of tobacco products or equipment:</u> Using tobacco products or equipment to produce the effect of smoking or for the intended purpose of the particular tobacco product or equipment including nicotine delivery systems that are not FDA approved cessation products. This includes, but is not limited to, ecigarettes, cigars, snus, cigarettes and chewing tobacco.

<u>Equipment</u>: Any product of device that is intended to deliver or facilitate delivery of tobacco, marijuana or nicotine products by one or more persons. Such equipment includes but is not limited to pipes, chimneys, e-cigarettes, rolling papers or other assistive devices.

<u>Tobacco products:</u> Any products made fully or in part of tobacco or natural or synthetic material intended to simulate tobacco or the effects of tobacco. This includes but is not limited to liquid nicotine.

<u>Marijuana products:</u> Any product made fully or in part by the cannabis plant or natural or synthetic material with the intent to simulate cannabis with >.3% THC content, including but not limited to cannabis leaf, oil, extract, edible or elixir.

Section 4: Signs Required

Signs shall be prominently placed at all applicable town park and recreation areas and facilities, notifying the public the prohibition against the use of tobacco products, marijuana products and equipment. Such signs refer to the use of all types of tobacco products as "Smoke-Free'.

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